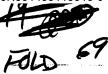
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and that it has already inquired as to a	though this is not corresponding the Bulgarians will	of tons gross weight. afirmed, that Bulgaria Finally,
Salvage and Reconstruction of the SHIPKA 3. As was previously reported, the Bulgaria during the war when it struck a mine in than three years of fruitless salvage we cording to recent reports, the ship has holds, but the machinery is undamaged. commission the ship and there are now toverhauling of the SHIPKA and its reassithat the ship is one of the few which, is always a perth passenger cabins.	an ship SHIPKA, 3,000 to the Gulf of Varna, was ork, and has been brough a large hole between the The Bulgarian government the first indications of ignment into the Merchan	recovered after more at to the surface. Ac- me first and second at intends to re- f decisions as to the marine. It is noted

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